plans and estimates for the road approaches and arrangement for diversion of the road, land acquisition and completing other formalities. These are still under finalisation by State Government/Nagpur Improvement Trust.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 15 lakhs has been provided towards Railways share of cost.

(e) Completion of project depends upon finalisation of details by State Government/Nagpur Improvement Trust and execution of road approaches by them.

Steps to improve DTC services

2399. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to improve the services of D.T.C in Delhi following the recent increases in fares; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Efforts are being made on a continuing basis to improve overall operational efficiency of DTC. Recently prepared detailed Action Plan includes the following:-

(i) replacement of over-aged buses.

(ii) Plan to engage about 100 buses of private operators having 2×2 seating lay out.

(iii) Development of associated infrastructural facilities like depots and terminals.

(iv) Setting up of mobile squads to check crew behaviour. Association of Police personnel with DTC mobile squads to have a watch on the crew behaviour as also check the behaviour of drivers of three-wheelers, who have a tendency to park at bus stops.

(v) Instruction to the officers for travel in-cognite in the buses with a view to check the crew behaviour and condition of the buses.

(vi) Provision of time tables at important terminal points, indicating the services originating from those points.

(vii) Provision of tube-lights in the destination boards boxes to provide clear visibility.

(viii) Conversion of "Deluxe" buses into "Ordinary" buses wherever such buses do not conform to Deluxe standards.

(ix) Construction of more bus queue shelters.

(x) Provision of public address system at important terminals, in phased manner. Through this system trained announcers-cum-guides will impart necessary information to the commuters at regular intervals.

(xi) Laying down of norms and targets in respect of various performance para-meters.

(xii) Decentralisation of the functioning by setting up for four regions under charge of Deputy General Manager.

(xiii) Development of computer based management information system.

(xiv) Route rationalisation.

(xv) Initiation of number of welfare measures such as better canteen facilities construction of dormitory accommodation, functioning of the grievance redressal system, with a view to create better industrial relations, setting up of Central Complaint Cell at Headquarter and Regional Complaint Cells at various points for receiving public complaints, even on telephone, round the clock.

(xvi) Re-organisation of the system of procurement, with a view to

make available esential spare parts to expedite the repair and maintenance activities in the quickest possible time and control of inventory.

Increase in service rates at Major ports

2400. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been periodic increases in the rates of various services being provided by the major ports and if so, what are the year-wise details of such increases since 1980 with separate figures for each major port;

(b) what are the year-wise income/expenditure of each major port since 1980 and the steps being taken by Government to improve their financial capacity; and

(c) whether Government contemplate any long-term tariff policy for major ports specifying rates of various services for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII Annexure No 34].

(c) An exercise in rationalisation of tariff structures has been taken up.

आयुर्विज्ञान पर हिन्दी पुस्तकें

2401. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या "क" क्षेत्र में आने वाले मेडिकल कालेजों में राजभाषा को शिक्षा का माध्यम बनाने के लिये आयुर्विज्ञान की पुस्तक हिन्दी में उपलब्ध कराई गई है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो मौलिक रूप में हिन्दी में पुस्तकें तैयार करने तथा अंग्रेजी पुस्तकों का हिन्दी में अनुवाद करने के लिए क्या व्यवस्था की गयी है ; और

(ग) इस कार्य के कब तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है ?

परिवार कल्याण विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान परिषद् जो देश में चिकित्सा शिक्षा का न्यूनतम स्तर बनाए रखने के लिये उत्तरदायी है, ने यह सूचित किया है कि सभी मेडिकल कालेजों में शिक्षा के माध्यम से सम्बन्धित मामलों पर परिषद् द्वारा कई बार विचार किया गया है और परिषद् का विचार है कि क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में उपयुक्त पाठ्य पुस्तकें उपलब्ध होने तक सभी मेडिकल कालेजों में शिक्षा का वर्तमान माध्यम (अंग्रेजी) जारी रखा जाए। केन्द्रीय सरकार चिकित्सा शिक्षा में हिन्दी और क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं के प्रयोग का वातावरण तैयार करने के लिये हिन्दी और क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में पाठ्य पुस्तकें, संदर्भ पुस्तकें और अन्य सामान सामग्री तैयार करने हेतु उपर्युक्त कदम उठाने के लिये राज्य सरकारों को लिखती रही है।

Telapur-Patancheru rail line project

2402. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project of construction of new Broad Gauge line from Telapur to patancheru has been completed; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Constraint of resources.

Krishna Canal-Repalli Rail Line

2403. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state: